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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

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Women in development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/204 of 17 December 1985, 42/178 of 11 December 1987 and 44/171 of 19 December 1989, as well as all other relevant Assembly resolutions on the integration of women in development, as well as the resolutions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women on the integration of women in development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, 1/

Recognizing the significant contribution that women make to economic activities and the major force that they represent for change and development in all sectors of the economy, especially in key areas, such as agriculture, industry and services,

Emphasizing that empowering women is a critical factor in the eradication of poverty, since women contribute to the economy through both their remunerated and unremunerated work,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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Recognizing that the economic and financial crisis that exists in many developing countries has resulted in the rapid feminization of poverty, especially in rural areas and in female-headed households,

Aware that women's continued lack of equal access to education and training, and their lack of control over land, capital, technology and other areas of production impede their full contribution to and opportunity to benefit from development,

Recognizing that the informal sector is a major source of employment for women in many developing countries,

Noting the important role played by the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in the integration of women in development,

1. Welcomes the adoption of the Beijing Declaration 2/ and Platform for Action 3/ by the Fourth World Conference on Women;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development; 1/

3. Notes with satisfaction the inclusion in the Platform for Action of critical areas of concern, namely, women in poverty, women in the economy, and women and the environment;

4. Stresses that a favourable and conducive international economic and financial environment and a positive investment climate are necessary for the effective integration of women in development;

5. Calls upon all Governments to create an enabling environment to ensure the full participation of women in economic activities through, inter alia, the adoption of policy and legal measures and provisions of other necessary structures;

6. Requests the international community, the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to assist developing countries by providing opportunities, including scholarships, to women and girls, in particular in the areas of science, technical and vocational training, so as to facilitate the full and effective contribution of women to development;

7. Urges multilateral donors, international financial institutions and regional development banks to review and implement policies to ensure that a higher proportion of measures reach women in rural and remote areas.

2/ A/CONF.177/20, chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

3/ Ibid., annex II.